

### **Daily care for percutaneous pins**

Stainless steel pins or wires have been inserted into your hand. Usually the pins are placed to stabilize fracture fragments and allow them to heal or to maintain joint position. Between three and six weeks following surgery, the wires will usually be removed in our office or in the operating room.

To limit the risk of infection from pins that are placed through the skin, we recommend the following:

- Three times daily cleansing of the pin-skin interface (where the pins extend through the skin) with hydrogen peroxide and water using a sterile cotton tip applicator.
- Keep the pins dry. If the pin sites become wet during a shower, clean and dry the pin skin interface.
- Call our office (404) 352-3522 for additional instructions if the skin around the pins become red, painful or if the drainage from the pin changes. Please also call the office if you develop a fever.